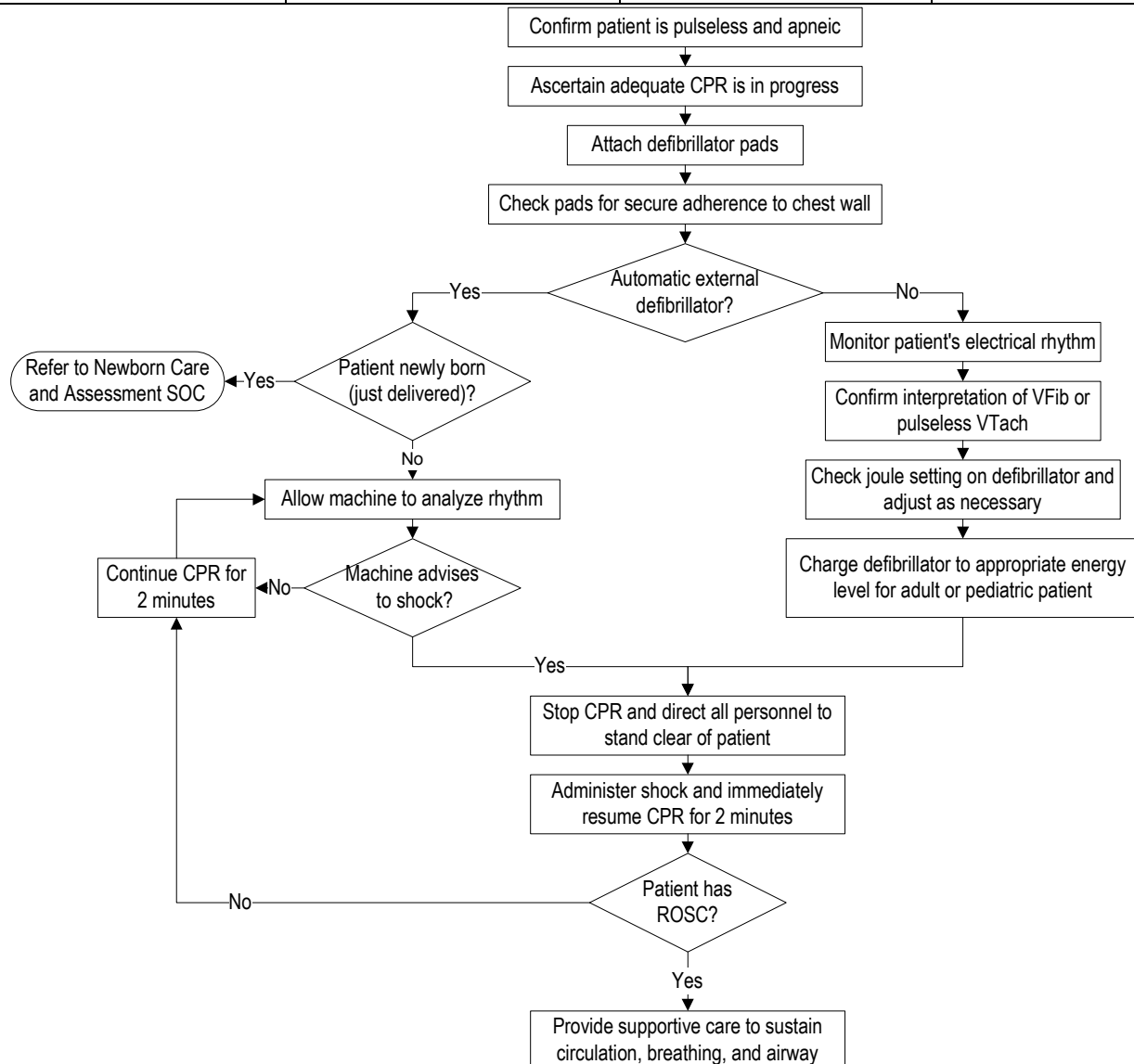


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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
DEFIBRILLATION

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Purpose: To simultaneously depolarize the myocardial cells to terminate ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia		Indications: Patient presents pulseless and apneic in ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia	
Advantages: Termination of Vfib or Vtach in the pulseless, apneic patient	Disadvantages: Electrical current causes some injury to myocardium	Complications: Poor interface between chest wall and pads can cause burns	Contraindications: Any patient with pulses Valid DNR orders Conditions incompatible with life



NOTES:

- Do not apply defibrillator pads over a pacemaker or automatic implanted cardiac defibrillator (AICD).
- Remove Nitropatch or Nitropaste before attaching defibrillator pads.
- Do not defibrillate when conditions exist for electrical conductivity (wet environment, etc.).